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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MADRID OF CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: SANTIAGO 1647

1. ADMIRAL CARVAJAL ARRIVED IN MADRID ONLY HOURS BEFORE THE NEWS OF THE CABINET RESIGNATION IN CHILE. CHILEAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS PROMPTLY ASSERTED PUBLICLY THAT THE VISIT WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED, AND TO ALL APPEARANCES THAT PROVED TO BE THE CASE. CARVAJAL MADE CALLS ON KING JUAN CARLOS AND PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ, WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A LUNCHEON GIVE BY FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA AND ATTENDED BY OTHER CABINET MINISTERS (INCLUDING THOSE OF THE ARMY AND THE NAVY), SIGNED AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND INFORMATION, AGREEMENTS PREVIOUSLY WORKED UP BY THE BILATERAL COMMISSION.

2. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WAS LIGHT BUT ONLY MIDLY CRITICAL, WITH SOME PAPERS NOTING BUT NOT STRESSING THAT SPAIN WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY RECEIVING CARVAJAL OFFICIALY ON THIS TRIP, AND THAT THE VISIT COINCIDED WITH THE UN HRC CONDEMNATION OF CHILE. THE LOW-KEY, ALMOST OFF-HANDED NATURE OF THE CRITICISM REFLECTS RECOGNITION OF SPAIN'S ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF DEALING CORRECTLY AND EVEN
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CORDIALLY WITH LA GOVERNMENTS REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGICAL BENT. ONLY ONE POLITICAL PARTY PUBLICLY PROTESTED THE

VISIT, THE FEDERACION DE PARTIDOS SOCIALISTAS, A DISINTEGRATING COLLECTION OF DISPARATE SOCIALIST GROUPS WHICH INCLUDES THE PARTIDO SOCIALISTA DEL PAIS VALENCIANO OF FORMER ALL ENDE ADVISOR JOAN GARCES.

3. TALKING WITH EMBOFF, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF FOR SOUTH AMERICA (CERVERA) CONFIRMED THAT THE CABINET RESIGNATION HAD CHANGED NOTHING, EXPLAINING THAT SOON AFTER THE NEWS OF THE RESIGNATION THEY HAD WORK FROM SANTIAGO THAT CARAJAL'S POSITION WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED. CERVERA, WHO SHOWED HIMSELF SENSITIVE TO THE PRESS CRITICISM MENTIONED ABOVE, SAID THE VISIT WENT OFF ROUTINELY AND WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, BUT MADE A POINT OF PLACING IT IN THE CONTEXT OF NORMAL PERIODIC CONTACTS. EATON

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